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SUBJECT: STATUS OF CHARGE'S CALLS

REFS: (A) STATE 077128, (B) TANA 0654, (C) TANA 0346,
(D) TANA 0683

1. AS I STATED IN REF B, FOREIGN MINISTER'S UNWILLINGNESS TO FIND TIME TO SEE ME, OR TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION TO HIS SYSTEM OF GRANTING APPOINTMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE, DENOTES AT LEAST AN UNWILLINGNESS TO GO OUT OF HIS WAY TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE US. IT MAY EVEN BE AN INTENDED SLIGHT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MINISTER RAKOTOMAVO IS DOING THIS ON HIS OWN AND THAT IT DOES NOT REFLECT A DRM DECISION. ADMINISTRATIVE DISORGANIZATION OF THIS GOVERNMENT IS NOTORIOUS, AND HAS BEEN ACCENTUATED, ACCORDING TO MOST OBSERVERS, DURING THIS ELECTION PERIOD; IT TAKES EVEN LONGER NOW THAN BEFORE ELECTIONS FOR DIPLOMATS HERE TO OBTAIN APPOINTMENTS. AS MY PREDECESSOR NOTED, RAKOTOMAVO IS ONE OF THE LESS KNOWLEDGEABLE AND MORE CONTENTIOUS OFFICIALS WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH. HIS DELAY IN SEEING ME MAY BE JUST A PERSONAL DISPLAY OF MACHO.

2. WHETHER DELAY IS RAKOTOMAVO'S OWN DOING OR RESULT OF DRM DECISION, I THINK IT IS TOO EARLY TO CONCLUDE THAT IT IS A SIGN THAT DRM WISHES TO COOL RELATIONS WITH US EVEN

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FURTHER. IT MAY WELL BE JUST A SHOW OF PIQUE THAT THE US IS PERSISTING IN NOT SENDING AN AMBASSADOR TO TANANARIVE. APPARENTLY MY MOVING INTO THE RESIDENCE HAS BEEN WIDELY NOTED AND SUBJECT OF A GREAT DEAL OF COMMENT.

3. I DON'T THINK IT IS TIME TO CALL IN MALAGASY CHARGE TO MADE AN ISSUE OF THIS, ALTHOUGH IT COULD BE POINTED

OUT TO HIM IN REPLY TO ANY PROTESTATIONS OF DRM WISHES
FOR BETTER RELATIONS.

4. APPRECIATE YOUR STRAIGHTENING OUT MY RANK WITH
MALAGASY EMBASSY. ADVANCEMENT IN THE SERVICE IS HARD
ENOUGH TO COME BY WITHOUT SUCH GRATUITOUT DEMOTIONS.

5. DRM BEHAVIOUR ON THIS ISSUE ONLY FURTHER JUSTIFIES,
IN MY OPENION, DECISION TAKEN LAST OCTOBER. I BELIEVE THAT BY
REMAINING CALM IN THE FACE OF SUCH SLIGHTS, BUT LETTING
IT BE KNOWN THAT WE CONSIDER THEM PART AND PARCEL OF THE
REASON RELATIONS ARE NOT GOOD, WE WILL GRADUALLY IMPRESS
ON THE DRM THAT IT IS UP TO MALAGASY AUTHORITIES TO TAKE
STEPS TO IMPROVE ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD US AND RELATIONS
WITH USG. BOTH SOLOFOSON (REF D) AND RAKOTOMAVO (RED C)
HAVE ON OCCASION ACKNOWLEDGED THIS AND WE CAN HOPE THIS
REALIZATION BECOMES MORE WIDESPREAD.BARRETT

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